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**ATTORNEY GENERAL ESTABLISHES FIREARM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

HONOLULU – The Department of the Attorney General has established a firearm certification program to allow qualified retired law enforcement officers who reside in Hawai'i to carry concealed firearms under certain conditions.

The purpose of this program is to allow retired officers in Hawai'i to comply with the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (18 U.S.C. § 926C) (LEOSA). LEOSA authorizes active and retired law enforcement officers of any state to carry concealed firearms in every state, provided that they meet certain requirements.

Among other requirements, LEOSA requires that a retired officer must either carry an identification document issued by the agency from which the officer retired, indicating that the retired officer has been found to meet that agency's training and qualification standards, or carry an identification document issued by the agency from which the officer retired and a certification card issued by the state in which the retired officer resides, indicating that the retired officer has met the training and qualification standards established by that state.

Retired law enforcement officers and active law enforcement officers employed by agencies outside of Hawai'i do not have law enforcement powers in Hawaii.

Application forms and instructions are available at hawaii.gov/ag or by calling the Department of the Attorney General at (808) 586-1160.

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